Year	Total (no. of pieces detected)	Value	Total persons arrested
2009 (upto 30.9.2009)	2,47,995	Rs.9,07,64,200/-	868

(c) to (e) Available inputs indicate that high quality Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICNs) are printed in a neighbouring country and pushed into India through neighbouring countries. The issue has also been taken up consistently with the neighbouring countries in the bilateral fora.

Limit of operation of nationalised banks

1279. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operations of nationalized banks like State Bank of India (SBI) is limited to specific areas;

(b) if so, whether it encourages the function of private banks in other areas; and

(c) if not so, whether the allocation of student loan by SBI is limited to those who are living in Specific areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The State Bank of India extends student loan throughout the country without any restrictions.

Fall in foreign exchange reserve

1280. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian foreign exchange reserve fell considerably recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the factors responsible for fall in foreign exchange reserve; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to maintain reserves of foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) The Foreign Exchange Reserves comprising Foreign Currency Assets (FCA), Gold, Special Drawing Rights (SDR) and Reserve Tranche Position with IMF has increased from US$ 251.99 billion at the end of March 2009 to US$ 284.39 billion at the end of October 2009. This increased further to US$ 286.38 billion as on November 13, 2009. The details are given below.